The Equipment Replacement Process using the Army Food Service Management Information System (AFMIS)

"Making the system work for you" A Step-by-Step Process

LESSON 1 – Adding "New" Equipment to AFMIS.

Step One: (Beginning the Process)

The Equipment Replacement process begins with the Dining Facility Manager or Food Operations Sergeant (FOS). It is <u>important</u> that the FOS coordinates his or her efforts when obtaining equipment information. Information can be gathered from either one of the following sources: from the Data Plate on the equipment, from the Hand Receipt, from Supply, from the Property Book Officer (PBO), or from the Directorate of Engineering Logistics (DEL).

- When equipment is received by the dining facility, and signed for by the FOS, it should be annotated on DA Form 3988. All pertinent information that is available at that time should be recorded on this form, such as, the nomenclature, serial number, the National Stock Number (NSN), life expectancy if available, and the Item Description.
- DA Form 3988 is then forwarded to the Food Program Manager (FPM) in accordance with AR 30-22 (within 5 working days).

The **FIRST** step to the AFMIS Equipment Replacement process, and prior to sending DA Form 3988 forward, is for the FOS to verify that equipment information **CAN BE** entered into the system by,

- 1) Accessing the Equipment Replacement Menu,
- 2) Selecting Update Equipment Inventory,
- 3) Viewing Other Equipment for a listing of available Line Item Numbers (LIN), if needed, or
- 4) Selecting Electrical or Mechanical Equipment, and
- 5) Selecting Add or Modify Equipment Records.

To verify electrical or mechanical equipment can be entered in, the FOS should enter in the equipment's serial number and select enter. Enter in the equipment's NSN if available. If a NSN has been assigned to a LIN by the FPM, and is currently on CTA 50-909, information will fill in on the screen, such as, LIN, Nomenclature, and Life Expectancy. If a NSN <u>cannot</u> be entered in, **STOP** and **SELECT the DELETE Key to abort the process.**

With information gathered from the process above, the FOS should forward DA Form 3988 in accordance with one the following situations:

Situation 1: No Line Item Number listed in the Other Equipment section. Indicate in the Remarks Section of DA Form 3988 that equipment is not listed on the system. The Food Program Manager <u>must</u> coordinate with the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence (ACES), Facility and Equipment Division (FED) to have this equipment added to CTA 50-909. Once the LIN is added to CTA 50-909, the FOS can enter in the "Number in Facility". Check status quarterly and continue to use DA Form 3988 until equipment can be entered.

Situation 2: <u>CANNOT enter in a National Stock Number</u>. In the Remarks Section of DA Form 3988, indicate the NSN cannot be entered in the system. The Food Program Manager must assign a NSN to the LIN. Once assigned, the FOS can enter in equipment by NSN. (**Note:** Entering equipment by NSN will ensure the equipment is initially assigned the appropriate Life Expectancy.) Check status quarterly and continue to use DA Form 3988 until equipment can be entered.

Situation 3: <u>CAN enter in the NSN.</u> The system's CTA 50-909 is setup and up-to-date: Enter equipment into AFMIS by NSN. (Refer to lesson 4 for DFO processes.) Complete DA Form 3988. Indicate in the Remarks Section that equipment has been entered in AFMIS and forward it to the FPM in accordance with AR 30-22.

NOTE: There are various budget reports and a budget worksheet available in the IFA module that will simplify the FPM's budgeting tasks, **ONLY** if, dining facilities can enter in their equipment into the system. So it is important that the FPM coordinates his or her efforts when situations 1 and 2 above are encountered by a dining facility.

For the Food Program Manager:

Coordinate with the Facilities and Equipment Division (FED), ACES when assigning a Line Item Numbers (LIN) to new equipment. Similar equipment may use existing Line Item Numbers found in AFMIS; however, to ensure a "standard" is maintained for all Dining Facility equipment, coordinate your efforts with FED at: DSN 687-3450, Commercial 734-3450.

Step Two: (Verify Equipment Information using the U.S. Army Force Management Support Agency Website - WebTAADS)

Prior to accessing AFMIS and making any changes or additions to equipment, the Food Program Manager may wish to **verify** equipment information received by the dining facility on DA Form 3988 is currently in CTA 50-909, and that it is correct. This can be accomplished by accessing the Force Management System website and registering for an account with WebTAADS, or through DSS.

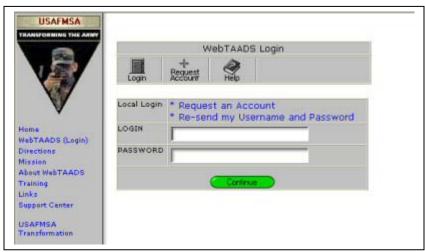
All personnel involved with equipment replacement requiring CTA 50-909 referencing are encouraged to register for access to this web tool. The example screens below provided provide an overview of WebTAADS:

Access the Force Management Website at: https://webtaads.belvoir.army.mil/usafmsa/



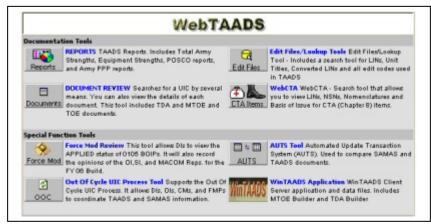
(Force Management Home Page)

Select the WebTAADS link. On the next page, Request an Account. (Or Login.)



(WebTAADS Login/Registration Page)

After registering for an account and logging in, the WebTAADS Tools page is displayed:



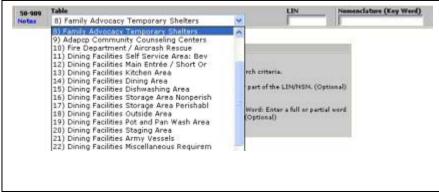
(WebTAADS Tools Page)

Click on the CTA Items button. The next page will provide several options for CTA Items review. To view items currently in CTA 50-909, select the 50-909 Button:



(Select CTA Page)

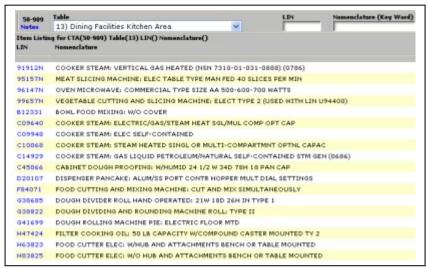
Select the dropdown list and choose a dining facility area to view:



(Select Dining Facility Area)

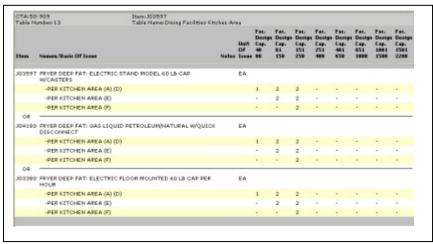
Note: You can also search by LIN or Nomenclature if known.

The next page will display all current Line Item Numbers (LIN) and its associated Nomenclature for the area selected:



(LIN and Nomenclature Listing)

To view authorizations and allowances by Basis of Issue, click on the LIN number:



(Equipment Allowances)

Note: The Food Program Manager may find many other uses for CTA tools on the WebTAADS site not presented in this lesson.

Step Three: (Access to Equipment Records)

Upon receipt of DA Form 3988, the FPM can then move on to the next step of the Equipment Replacement Process in AFMIS.

The FPM begins by first verifying that dining facilities can enter in and save equipment records. This is accomplished by ensuring ACCESS to records is correctly set up:

- From the IFA Options Screen, select Equipment Replacement Process (option E).
- Next, select File Maintenance Menu (option A).
- The next selection you will make is Equipment Record Access (option D). This screen displays two options. To print a list of all dining facilities on the installation, you would select Print On-Line Tenant Report (option B). This report will give you a list of all Dining Facilities (in the system) and their associated Building Numbers.
- To add or update any information on this list, you would select Update Access to Equipment Records (option A). This screen displays a list of Building Numbers currently on the system, the Activity Code assigned to the building, and the Dining Facilities name.

A dining facility **MUST** have a building number associated with it. Equipment records are saved using the dining facilities building number. Dining Facilities that have NO building number associated with it are still able to enter in equipment; HOWEVER, the equipment they enter is saved to a file that has no building number. This can cause difficulties when a dining facility tries to access their records – they will not be able to retrieve them. Should this occur, ensure the dining facility is assigned a building number. If one is NOT present for the dining facility in question, then return to the Equipment Replacement File Maintenance Menu screen and select Dining Facility Design Specifications. Type in the Dining Facilities Building Number (this will create a "new" building number on the system). Enter in all pertinent information on the next screen and save. Return to the Update Access Equipment Records screen and type in the Activity Code for the new building number.

Step Four: (Adding National Stock Numbers and Life Expectancies)

Once the FPM has verified that all dining facilities on the installation have a building number associated with them, he or she must ensure dining facilities can enter in equipment records by a National Stock Number (NSN).

Again, the FPM should receive a DA Form 3988 for new equipment within 5 working days. In the Remarks Section of DA Form 3988, the FOS should have provided an explanation of situations encountered by the dining facility when attempting to enter in their equipment. (Step 1 above)

The FPM may wish to print the NSN Catalog Report (Equipment Reports Option) prior to adding or updating NSNs. This report will list ALL Line Item Numbers and associated NSNs currently in AFMIS.

National Stock Numbers <u>must be</u> associated with each Line Item Number on the system for budgeting purposes and to ensure dining facilities can enter and identify each type of equipment they have in their facility:

- From the IFA Options Screen select Equipment Replacement Process (option E).
- Next, select File Maintenance (option A).
- Next, select NSN / Life Expectancy (option A) to begin entering in or updating NSNs for each Line Item Number.
- Enter in the LIN that you wish to work on and press enter. The Item Name will appear along with any associated NSNs and Life Expectancies.
- Enter in the associated NSNs and press enter.
- Enter in the equipment's Life Expectancy.
- Continue the process until ALL NSNs and Life Expectancies are entered.
- Press Escape when finished.

A National Stock Number and its Life Expectancy are entered for each type, or model, of equipment associated with the LIN. Once entered, the Food Operations Sergeant can access and enter in records for the type of equipment they have in their facility.

When a dining facility enters "new" records through the DFO module using a NSN, the Life Expectancy is filled in for them. Entering in records by LIN will leave this area blank, requiring the FOS to enter it in. To ensure equipment and budget records are accurate, it is important that NSNs and Life Expectancies are assigned when established.

In the next Lesson, Lesson 2, we will discuss the processes that aide the Food Program Manager in budgeting for equipment replacement on the installation and the processes that will ensure dining facility records are accurate prior to budgeting.